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ABSTRACT

This factsheet describes undergraduate student charges at the public universities of California. California charges its own residents less to attend its public colleges and universities than it charges nonresidents. It charges resident students systemwide fees as well as mandatory, campus-based fees to help support student services, but California has sought to avoid charging resident students for the direct cost of instruction, which it charges as "tuition" to nonresident students. For 2000-2001, the University of California charges undergraduate residents an average of \$3,964 in mandatory fees, of which \$3,429 is the system wide fee. This is \$1,279 less than the average fee charged by the four public universities from other states with which the University of California compares itself on faculty salaries. The California State University charges resident students an average of \$1,834 in mandatory fees, of which \$1,428 is the systemwide fee, a total that is lower than all of the 15 public universities with which California State University compares itself in terms of faculty. Over the years, charges at both the University of California and California State University from 1977-1978 to the middle of the 1990s, when a small decline in fees began at both systems. (SLD)

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CALIFORNIA charges its own residents less to attend its public colleges and universities than it charges nonresidents. It charges resident students systemwide fees as well as mandatory, campus-based fees. These fees help support student services like counseling, health insurance, student union activities, student government, and recreation. California has sought to avoid charging resident students for the direct cost of instruction, which it charges as "tuition" to nonresident students.

Who are resident students?

California State University determines the residency of its students according to State law, which defines resident students for tuition purposes as those who (1) have resided in California for at least one year and one day prior to enrolling in a college or university, and (2) intend to make California their home. A student may demonstrate the intent to reside in California through a number of means, including obtaining a California driver's license, owning or renting property in the state, registering a vehicle in California, and paying California personal income taxes.

The University of California has adopted stricter residency requirements for its undergraduate students. It requires that students be classified as residents of the state in which their parents reside as long as they are classified as dependent upon their parents according to financial aid definitions. Generally, this means that out-of-state undergraduate students cannot establish California residency until they are 24 years of age.

What does the University of California charge resident students?

For 2000-01, the University charges undergraduate California residents an average of \$3,964 in mandatory fees, of which \$3,429 is the systemwide fee. This total is \$1,279 less than the average fee charged by the four public universities with which the University of California compares itself on faculty salaries:

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| University of Michigan, Ann Arbor | \$6,926 |
| University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | 4,994 |
| State University of New York, Buffalo | 4,715 |
| University of Virginia | 4,335 |
| University of California | 3,964 |
| Average of the comparison group | \$5,243 |

What does the California State University charge resident students?

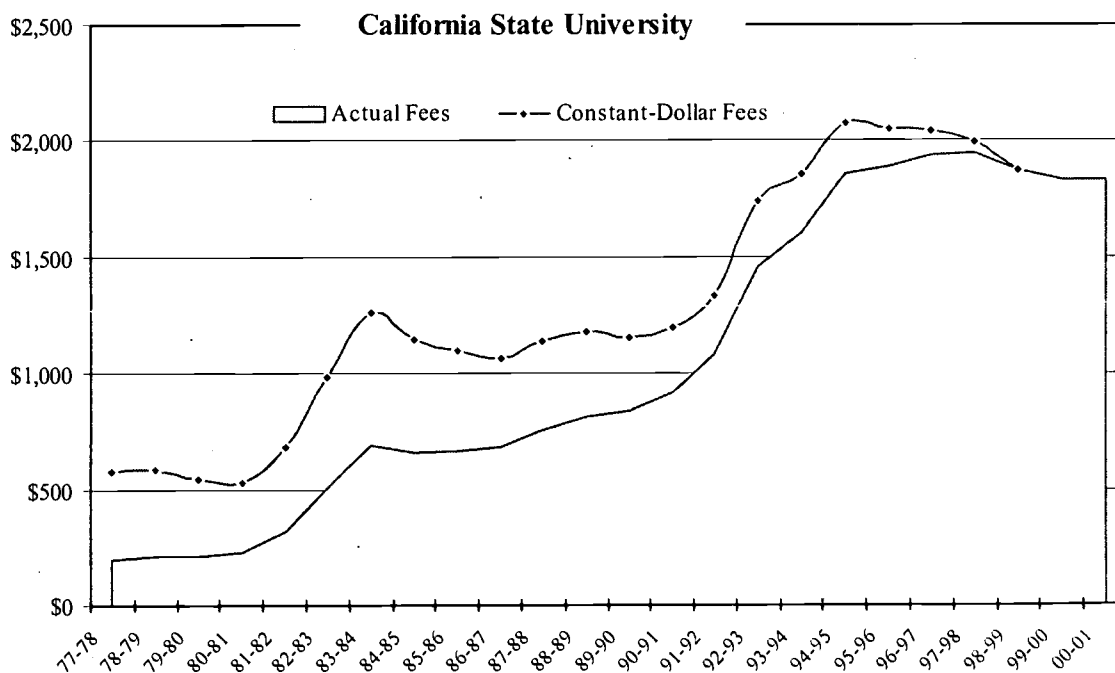
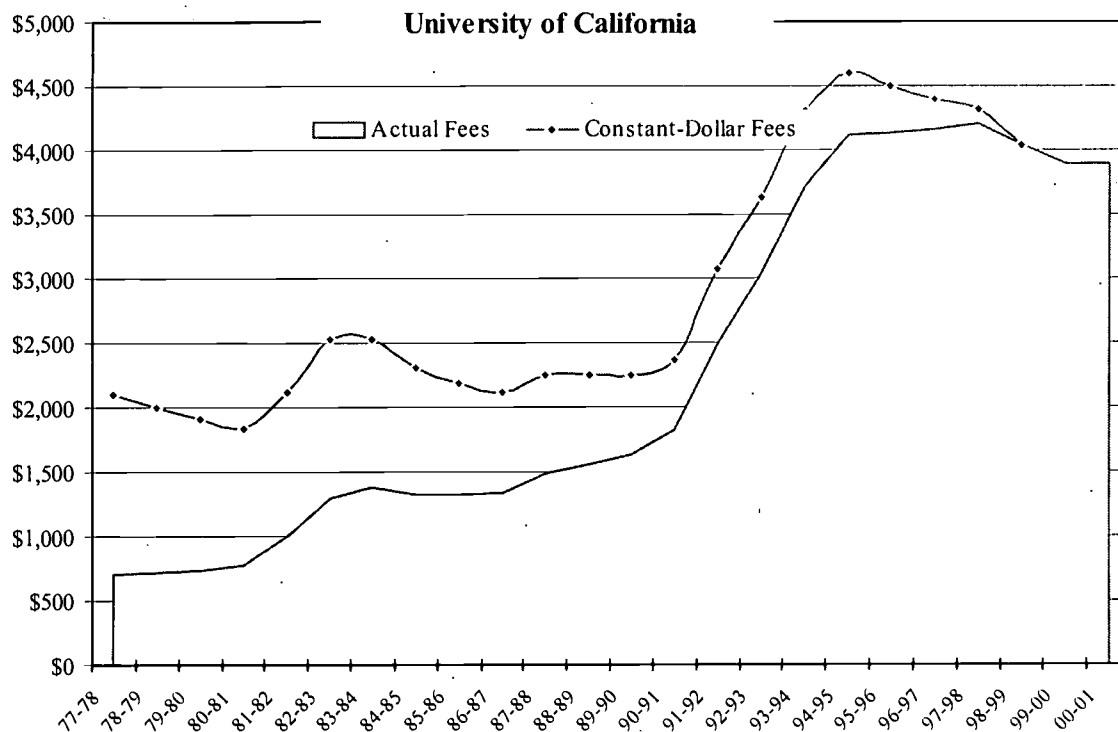
The California State University charges resident students an average of \$1,834 in mandatory fees, of which \$1,428 is the systemwide fee. This total is lower than all of the 15 public universities with which California State University compares itself in terms of faculty salaries and \$2,112 lower than the group average:

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| Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Newark | \$6,333 |
| University of Connecticut | 5,596 |
| University of Maryland, Baltimore County | 5,490 |
| George Mason University (Virginia) | 3,768 |
| State University of New York, Albany | 4,625 |
| Illinois State University | 4,339 |
| Wayne State University | 4,291 |
| Cleveland State University | 4,110 |
| University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee | 3,763 |
| University of Texas, Arlington | 3,470 |
| Georgia State University | 3,132 |
| North Carolina State University | 2,814 |
| University of Colorado, Denver | 2,769 |
| Arizona State University | 2,346 |
| University of Nevada, Reno | 2,340 |
| California State University | 1,834 |
| Average of the comparison group | \$3,946 |

How have charges for California residents changed over the years?

The displays on the reverse side show the average annual resident undergraduate fees at the University of California and the California State University for fiscal years 1977-78 through 2000-01, expressed in actual and constant 2000-01 dollars.

Total Annual Resident Undergraduate Student Fees, Expressed in Actual and Constant 2000-01 Dollars, for Fiscal Years 1977-78 Through 2000-01





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